



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

March 22, 2018

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Mail Code: 1101A
Washington, D.C. 204060

**Re: Repeating Request to Approve Idaho's Revised Water Quality Standards,
Human Health Criteria**

On February 28, 2017 the director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) submitted a letter to your office requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) formally approve Idaho's revised water quality standards for the Human Health Criteria update (HHC). Supporting material already had been submitted to the EPA on December 13, 2016.

As you are well aware, the objective of the Clean Water Act (CWA) is to leverage the expertise of both the federal and state governments toward enforcing and enhancing compliance with water quality standards. Cooperation between state and federal agencies is necessary to ensure certainty and regulatory predictability. Idaho takes such obligations very seriously. The state's criteria must protect the designated use and be based on "sound scientific rationale" (40 C.F.R., subsection 113.11 (a)). Idaho has exceeded that requirement through extensive investment in our rulemaking process.

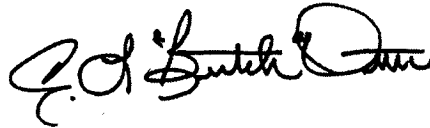
Idaho is the only state of which I am aware to complete an extensive survey of residents, including oversampling of tribal members and other sensitive populations, to determine the level of fish consumed from Idaho waters – one of the factors considered in establishing the HHC. Idaho then developed rules through a completely open and transparent process with all stakeholders, including the EPA and tribal representatives, in which rules ultimately were adopted based on sound scientific rationale. The fish consumption rate used to calculate the human health water quality standards was based on tribal consumption data. The rule was adopted by the DEQ Board in 2015 and was supported by the Idaho Legislature in 2016.

We are aware that the previous administration expressed concerns and was predisposed to oppose Idaho's rule, despite its firm basis in the requirements of the CWA. We remain

prepared to defend the Idaho's standards and contend that our rule is the most scientifically based in the nation, clearly in conformance with CWA requirements. However, Idaho's preference is to work collaboratively with the EPA through adoption of the rules as submitted.

The lack of action on behalf of the EPA has caused concern within the regulated community and, most specifically, my office. We now are well past the congressionally mandated 60-day review period for approval or disapproval of Idaho's standards. Idaho has exceeded the requirements of the law and deserves immediate attention and approval. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity and continuing the partnership we have with your office. Thank you for your timely and positive consideration.

As Always – Idaho, “Esto Perpetua”

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C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

cc: Chris Hladick, Region 10 Administrator
David Ross, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water



Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

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April 6, 2018

The Honorable E. Scott Pruitt, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Mail Code 1101A
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I am writing in support of Tasman Leather Group, LLC (Tasman) and its ongoing discussions and efforts to resolve the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's RCRA Complaint and Compliance Order, and the proposed fines that have been assessed. I have had occasion to work with the principals at Tasman and know that they are upstanding citizens committed to their business in Maine and in the hide/tannery industry as a whole. In the town of Hartland, Maine Tasman employs approximately 170 individuals and is essential to the Hartland economy.

It is my understanding that most of the environmental issues were either procedural or were cured immediately upon notice of the potential violations. For instance, Tasman was assessed a fine of over \$36,0000 for the lack of site-specific generator identification number, even though they had been using a valid number that was assigned to the plant under the prior ownership. Absolutely no environmental harm came from this issue. Additionally, there are fines assessed for the lack of an annual report, when one had actually been filed, as well as for the lack of a "No Smoking" sign, when the entire facility is non-smoking and that is posted clearly at the building entrances. As far as the non-procedural potential violations, it has been explained to me that Tasman immediately rectified these issues in a timely manner after notice and promptly notified EPA of these remedies thru letters and e-mails. Clearly, any negative environmental impact risk was minimal.

Tasman is one of the primary supplier of leather boots for the United States military. These products are legally required to be manufactured in the United States and be made from American leather. There are very few operations in American that can produce the required boot leather. Tasman's commitment to this essential need has continued despite the fact that its plant in Maine has operated in the red every year since it was purchased in 2011. Its out-of-state parent company must contribute capital to keep the business running, but the Tasman ownership knows the value of these products to the U.S. military; therefore, they are dedicated to keeping the plant running.



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I have been advised that Tasman has proved extensive financial information showing its inability to pay these fines, but this information has been determined to be inapplicable in view of the parent company's financial condition. This is not a case where a company is trying to evade its responsibilities. In fact, Tasman has made offers of settlement of the fines despite its documented inability to pay without the assistance of the parent company. This is the type of good faith that we want to see in our corporate neighbors. It certainly seems that the lowest end of the penalty matrix should be considered under these circumstances when the existence of the operation in Maine continues only by the goodwill of the parent company.

The Maine economy relies on small businesses such as Tasman. In the town of Hartland, they are the town's only major employer. In fact, for Hartland, Tasman is the employer of last resort. It is a critical plant for the town and this region of Somerset County. The salaries paid to the employees serves as an economic multiplier, as those employees spend their paychecks locally, which in turn supports other businesses in the region.

I fear that imposition of these fines could lead to the closing of the Hartland plant, resulting in 170 or more displaced workers. Tasman saved these jobs several years ago when it purchased the plant, and I believe this type of commitment to Maine workers should continue to be encouraged. Tasman has made a significant investment in the State of Maine, and it is my opinion that the fines should be waived or, at the very least, that Tasman's proposed settlement should be accepted. If it is, I am hopeful that Tasman will continue to have a meaningful and sustainable impact on the Town of Hartland, its residents and on the greater Maine community.

Respectfully yours,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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OFFICE OF THE
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ADMINISTRATOR

APR 23 2018

The Honorable C.L. Butch Otter
Governor of Idaho
State Capitol
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Governor Otter:

Thank you for your letter dated March 22, 2018, to Mr. Scott Pruitt, Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We appreciate you taking the time to write to us about the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's water quality standards for protection the of human health. Administrator Pruitt has asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

As you note, on December 13, 2016, the state of Idaho submitted new and revised human health criteria to the EPA for review and action under the Clean Water Act. The EPA acknowledges the efforts the State has invested in this work and your desire for a timely action. Since coming onboard as Regional Administrator, I have spent considerable time learning the issues and communicating with multiple interested parties, including several conversations with the DEQ Director John Tippetts and government-to-government consultations with tribes in Idaho. I recognize that this is a priority issue for Idaho and I am committed to working with Idaho and other key partners to reach a resolution as soon as possible. I will be staying in close touch with Director Tippetts as we continue our work to review the state's submission.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at lyons.troy@epa.gov or 202-564-5200.

Sincerely,

Chris Hladick
Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. John Tippetts, IDEQ
Mr. Barry Burnell, IDEQ
Mr. Don Essig, IDEQ



E. SCOTT PRUITT
ADMINISTRATOR
April 4, 2018

The Honorable Kay Ivey
Governor of Alabama
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2751

Dear Governor Ivey:

Protecting public health and upgrading our nation's water infrastructure are among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's highest priorities. Today, I signed the second round of funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan program. This year, thanks to the Consolidated Appropriations Act signed by President Donald Trump, we hope to make available as much as \$5.5 billion in loans, which could leverage over \$11 billion in investment for water infrastructure projects.

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Respectfully yours,

E. Scott Pruitt

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The Honorable Muriel Bowser
Mayor of the District of Columbia
Executive Office of the Mayor
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 316
Washington, District of Columbia 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser:

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The Honorable Charlie Baker
Governor of Massachusetts
State House
Office of the Governor, Room 360
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

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The Honorable Chris Sununu
Governor of New Hampshire
Office of the Governor
25 Capitol Street, Room 212
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

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The Honorable Dan Malloy
Governor of Connecticut
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

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The Honorable Kenneth Mapp
Governor of Virgin Islands
Government House, 21-22 Kongens Gade
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

Dear Governor Mapp:

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The Honorable Phil Scott
Governor of Vermont
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Pavilion Office Building
Montpelier, Vermont 05609

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The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Governor of Rhode Island
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor Raimondo:

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The Honorable Phil Murphy
Governor of New Jersey
The State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

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The Honorable Paul LePage
Governor of Maine
#1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor LePage:

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The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska
State Capitol
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker:

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The Honorable Lolo Matalasi Moliga
Governor of American Samoa
Executive Office Building
Third Floor
Utulei, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

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ADMINISTRATOR
April 4, 2018

The Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor of Arizona
State Capitol
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
Governor of Arkansas
State Capitol
Room 250
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson:

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The Honorable Edmund Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

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The Honorable John Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado
136 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203-1792

Dear Governor Hickenlooper:

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Governor of Delaware
Legislative Hall
Dover, Delaware 19901

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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of Florida
PL 05 The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

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The Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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ADMINISTRATOR
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The Honorable Eddie Calvo
Governor of Guam
Executive Chamber
P.O. Box 2950
Agana, Guam 96932

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The Honorable David Ige
Governor of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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The Honorable C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho
700 West Jefferson
Second Floor
Boise, Idaho 83702

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The Honorable Bruce Rauner
Governor of Illinois
State Capitol
207 Statehouse
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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The Honorable Eric Holcomb
Governor of Indiana
State House
Room 206
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

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The Honorable Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0001

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The Honorable Jeff Colyer
Governor of Kansas
Capitol
300 SW 10th Avenue, Suite 212S
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

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The Honorable Matt Bevin
Governor of Kentucky
700 Capitol Avenue
Suite 100
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April 4, 2018

The Honorable John Bel Edwards
Governor of Louisiana
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9004

Dear Governor Edwards:

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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Governor of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, Michigan 48909

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The Honorable Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

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The Honorable Phil Bryant
Governor of Mississippi
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Governor Bryant:

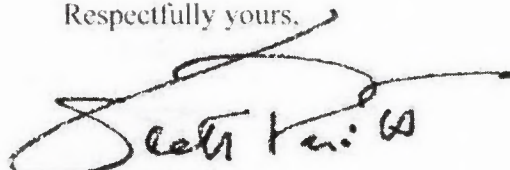
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The Honorable Eric Greitens
Governor of Missouri
Capitol Building
Room 218, P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Governor Greitens:

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The Honorable Steve Bullock
Governor of Montana
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59620-0801

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The Honorable Pete Ricketts
Governor of Nebraska
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4848

Dear Governor Ricketts:

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The Honorable Brian Sandoval
Governor of Nevada
Capitol Building
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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The Honorable Susana Martinez
Governor of New Mexico
State Capitol
Fourth Floor
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

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Governor of North Carolina
Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0301

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The Honorable Doug Burgum
Governor of North Dakota
Department 101
600 E. Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0001

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The Honorable Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres
Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands
Caller Box 10007
Saipan, MP 96950

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The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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The Honorable Mary Fallin
Governor of Oklahoma
Capitol Building
2300 Lincoln Blvd., Rm. 212
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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April 4, 2018

The Honorable Kate Brown
Governor of Oregon
State Capitol, Room 160
900 Court St. N.
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Governor Brown:

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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
Room 225
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

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The Honorable Ricardo Rosselló
Governor of Puerto Rico
La Fortaleza
P.O. Box 9020082
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902-0082

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Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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The Honorable Dennis Daugaard
Governor of South Dakota
500 East Capitol Street
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Governor Daugaard:

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The Honorable Bill Haslam
Governor of Tennessee
Tennessee State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0001

Dear Governor Haslam:

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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

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The Honorable Gary R. Herbert
Governor of Utah
Utah State Capitol
Suite 200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Governor Herbert:

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The Honorable Ralph Northam
Governor of Virginia
State Capitol
Third Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

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The Honorable Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia
1900 Kanawha Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

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The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin
115 East State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

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The Honorable Matthew H. Mead
Governor of Wyoming
State Capitol Building
Room 124
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Governor Mead:

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OFFICE OF THE
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May 1, 2018

Via Overnight and Electronic Mail

The Honorable Paul R. LePage
Office of the Governor
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0001

Subject: Tasman Leather Group, LLC

Dear Governor LePage:

Thank you for your letter dated April 6, 2018 to Administrator Pruitt regarding the Agency's administrative enforcement action involving Tasman Leather Group, LLC. The Administrator asked me to respond on his behalf.

States are critical partners in the protection of public health and the environment. EPA very much appreciates your bringing to our attention the views of the State of Maine regarding the enforcement action and the company's importance to the community and as a supplier to the U.S. military. I am limited in my reply to your letter because Agency regulations and policy restrict communications outside the Agency regarding the merits of enforcement matters. I can share that your letter has been transmitted to EPA staff and management involved in this matter which will ensure that EPA gives full consideration to the issues that you and Tasman Leather Group have brought to the Agency's attention.

Thank you again for sharing your views with us. If you or your staff have further questions, please contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at lyons.troy@epa.gov or at 202-564-5200.

Sincerely,

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Alexandra Dapolito Dunn
Regional Administrator

cc: Paul Mercer, Commissioner, Maine Department of Environmental Protection